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[(25)] at the corner and which follows a smooth curve between the mitre joint of the second side wall lip [(26)] and the curve of the first side wall lip [(28)] and which thereby substantially overlies the said insert.

2. (Amended) A channel according to claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the base [(22)] and at least parts of the walls [(24,26,26)] are removed at the sharp corner and replaced by corresponding parts of the said insert [(47,48)], the corresponding parts being secured in position in the channel.

3. (Amended) A channel according to claim 1 [or 2, characterised in that], in which the lip [(28)] of the said first side wall [(24)] is separated from that side wall [(24)] not only over the said region but also to an end of the channel, the separated lip [(28)] being re-secured to the first side wall [(24)] outside the said region.

4. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the lip [(29)] of the third wall [(25)] not only over the said region but also to an end of the channel, the separated lip [(29)] being re-secured to the third wall [(25)] outside the said region.

5. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the insert [(47)] is a moulded insert.

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6. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the insert [(47)] is secured using an adhesive material.

7. (Amended) A channel according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 5], [characterised in that] in which the insert [(47)] is secured by being moulded onto the channel base [(22)] and walls [(24,25,26)].

8. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the channel base [(22)], side walls [(24,25,26)] and lips [(28,29,30)] are produced by extrusion.

9. (Amended) A window sealing and guiding channel for sealing and guiding a window glass having a sharp corner, the channel having a base [(22)] and integral first [(24)] and second [(26)] channel walls each having a distal edge carrying a respective lip [(28,30)], the first wall [(24)] being cut through to separate its distal edge portion including the lip [(28)] from the remainder of the wall [(24)], the cut extending along the length of the each wall [(24)] from a first position on one side of the sharp corner, and through the sharp corner, the second wall [(26)] being cut through at the sharp corner to separate a distal edge portion thereof including the respective lip [(30)] from the remainder of that wall [(26)], the distal edge portion of the second wall [(26)] being itself cut through at the sharp corner to form a mitred joint therein matching the sharp corner, the distal edge portion of the first wall [(24)] being formed into a smooth curve bridging across the sharp corner, an insert [(47,48)] being secured in position between and spacing

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apart the distal edge portion of the first wall [(24)] and the said remainder thereof, the insert [(47,48)] having a size which from the said first position to the sharp corner progressively increases the spacing between the distal edge portion of the first wall [(24)] and the remainder thereof and thereafter progressively decreases that spacing to zero at a second position on the opposite side of the sharp corner to the first position, [characterised in that] in which the channel has a third channel wall [(25)] having a distal edge carrying a respective lip [(29)], the third wall [(25)] being adjacent the first side wall [(24)] and being cut through to separate its distal edge portion including the lip [(29)] from the remainder of the wall, the cut extending along the length of the wall [(25)] from the first position and through the sharp corner, the distal edge portion of the third wall [(25)] being formed into a smooth curve bridging across the sharp corner between the smooth curve of the distal edge portion of the first wall [(24)] and the mitred joint of the distal edge portion of the second wall [(26)] and overlying the insert [(47,48)], the remainder of the first, second and third walls [(24,26,25)] and the base [(22)] of the channel being removed at the sharp corner and replaced by a moulded channel part [(50)] integrally moulded with the insert [(47,48)].

10. (Amended) A channel according to claim 9, [characterised in that] in which the insert [(47,48)] is previously produced by a moulding operation.

11. (Amended) A channel according to claim 9 [or 10], [characterised in that] in which the respective lips [(28,29)] of the first and third walls [(24,25)] partially

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bridge across the mouth of the channel for contacting and sealing against opposite sides of the window glass.

12. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised by] including a lip [(44)] within the channel and incliningly extending from the base [(22)] thereof for engaging an edge of the window glass.

13. (Amended) A channel according to [any preceding] claim 1, [characterised in that] in which the window glass is a slidable window glass in a motor vehicle.

14. (Amended) A channel according to claim 13, [characterised in that it] in which is mounted in a rigid frame [(12,20)] carried by the door of the motor vehicle.